

DRIVE
IN WEST
FURIOUS

The French and British are punching big hole in the German line on the Somme river, now holding important positions dominating Maurepas, on the road to Peronne.

POWERFUL BARRIERS
HAVE BEEN REMOVED

Drive on Wednesday forced the German line back over a front of three miles and to a depth in some places of 400 yards—Artillery duel resumed.

Paris, Aug. 17.—Violent artillery duels are in progress north of Maurepas in the Somme region, says the war office statement today. The operations on three different parts of the Somme front yesterday resulted in the removal of some of the barriers of the powerful German defensive position. The French have a dominating position northwest of Maurepas.

The official statement issued last night tells of the capture of German trenches on a front of 1,500 meters to the north of Maurepas. The statement is as follows:

"On the Somme front this afternoon after an intense artillery preparation we launched an offensive which brought us important gains. North of Maurepas assisted by the British we captured one entire line of German trenches on a front of 1,500 meters reaching at certain points on the Guillemont-Maurepas road. "South of Maurepas on a front of two kilometers and to a depth of 300 to 500 meters our infantry occupied all enemy positions east of the Maurepas-Clery road after a sharp attack which cost the enemy heavily. These two operations brilliantly and rapidly conducted resulted in the capture of a considerable number of prisoners whose numbers are not yet obtainable.

"At the same time south of the Somme our troops attacking with a rush captured a powerfully organized system of German trenches on a length of 1,200 meters, south of Belloy-En-Santerre, capturing 60 prisoners. There was an intermittent cannonade on the remainder of the front."

HEAVY FIGHTING
IN THE BALKANS

Bulgarian Statement Tells of Strong Allied Attacks Being Repulsed—French Reports Capture of Four Villages.

London, Aug. 17.—Heavy fighting on the Balkan front is reported in the official Bulgarian statement received from Sofia. The allied forces delivered strong infantry attacks but were repulsed.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The allied forces on the Saloniki front have captured the railroad station at Doiran and four villages at other points on the front, according to an official statement, issued by the French war office last night. The statement covers continuous fighting extending from August 1 to the present time.

The statement shows that the Bulgarians are being engaged along practically 100 miles of the Serbian-Greek frontier.

ITALIANS WILL
STRAIGHTEN LINE

Probably There Will Be No Advance on Triest Until Mountains Lying Between Tolmino and Gorizia Are Captured.

Rome, Aug. 17.—The Italian army is being held back on the lower Isonzo front until the line on the upper Isonzo can be straightened by the capture of mountains lying between Tolmino and Gorizia. Probably there will be no advance on Triest until the mountains have been taken.

BRITISH ARE CUTTING
GUILLEMONT OFF

Official Statement Issued in London Says That Troops Pushed Forward Both West and Southwest of the Town.

London, Aug. 17.—The British have made another assault on the Somme front. Official announcement has been made, stating that the line has been pushed forward west and southwest of Guillemont.

RUSSIAN ATTACK CONTINUES.
In Spite of Counter Attack, Says Petrograd Report.

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—The Russian advance is still being held up in the face of counter attacks. The war office reports that these assaults have been repulsed.

ANGLO-FRENCH DRIVE
MOVES AHEAD ON
THREE-MILE FRONT

Allies Struck with Terrific Force in Three Directions and Have Now Flanked Maurepas and Clery, Says London Report.

London, Aug. 17.—The French and British, striking with terrific force in three directions on the Somme front, have stormed nearly three miles of German trenches, driving forward at points to a depth of 300 and 500 yards.

The most important gains were made by the British and French troops striking north from the point where the allied lines meet. Maurepas and Clery, two of the most important points held by the Germans in this sector, have been flanked on both sides, according to the official statement issued by Paris. The road has also been reached between Maurepas and Guillemont, the latter town being the immediate objective of the British. This advance, it maintained, brings the allies directly in front of the large railroad town of Comblès.

South of the Somme the French stormed German trenches over a length of about three-quarters of a mile, driving forward in a southerly direction from Belloy-En-Santerre. Paris reports that a considerable number of prisoners were taken in these operations.

WHY OFFENSIVE IS SLOW
Military Situation and Economy of Men Given as Reasons at Paris.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The apparent slow rate of progress by the French and British forces on the western front since July 1, as compared with that of the Russians on the eastern front, is explained in military circles here as due to the methodical nature of the entente offensive against a line of strongly fortified positions extending virtually from the North sea to Salonica and the fact that infantry must wait until the artillery has done its work. The front of the central powers in the western theatre of the war is much more strongly fortified than the front with which the Russian armies have had to deal, so the latter are in a better situation for maneuvering on a large scale.

One of the principal drawbacks against the entente allies on the western front is the nature of the Teutonic positions, which prohibit the use of the wings of the entente armies. The Russians, however, face no such obstacle. The Russian operations, it is explained further, have not been planned with political considerations in view, such as necessarily have arisen on the western front owing to the co-operation of various entente armies.

CLAIM ALLIES REF
German, Jay French and British Were Driven Back.

Berlin, Aug. 17.—The French and British made heavy attacks on the Somme front but were driven back by the Germans, the official statement announced today.

BACK IN CAMP
Vermont Had Engaged the "Enemy" in Hard Battle.

Eagle Pass, Tex., Aug. 17.—The 1st Vermont got back to camp yesterday afternoon after engaging the enemy in a stand-up fight. The valor of the northerners told in the end and the foe was beaten off. Of course, the whole fight was an imaginary one. The fellows were merely carrying out the instructions issued in this week's program.

The three battalions met separate detachments of the enemy. At least, they assumed that they met the enemy. They had to assume several other things, among them that the enemy could not withstand them and had to skedaddle across the river. But their imaginations were not the only agencies that led the Vermonters to feel they won the fight. Their whole plan of attack was thought out so well and carried out so well that those who tried to stick up against Col. Reeves' regiment found they had no show.

Some of the men had to dig trenches. They had to dig deep. The order called for the establishing of standing trenches, which meant that the trenches had to be deep enough to accommodate a man standing up. There are some pretty tall men in the regiment, thus the diggers had to make sure that they provided accommodations for all.

The Vermonters, with the rest of the guardsmen and the regulars here, had a little excitement Tuesday night. Word was sent to district headquarters that a band of Villista soldiers were on the other side of the river at Lehmanns ranch, 18 miles from here and directly opposite the camp of some American soldiers. Immediately the order was sent out from headquarters for reinforcements. Several motor trucks came to the city and men of the 30th infantry piled in and the autos made a dashing trip to the ranch. It was discovered later that the supposed Villistas were Caranzistas soldiers who planned no harm.

Some of the Vermont companies returned to camp Sunday night from Lehmanns, where they had been stationed several weeks.

MAN BADLY SCALDED
When He Tried to Pour Water into Coffee Urn at Woodsville.

Woodsville, N. H., Aug. 17.—J. Henry Schaefer, a well-known restaurant man of this place, was seriously scalded yesterday at his place of business. The accident happened when Mr. Schaefer attempted to pour a large pail of boiling water into the coffee urn, the stool upon which he stood slipping and throwing him to the floor with the boiling liquid streaming over him and badly burning his right arm and leg.

He was taken at once to his home at Wells River and is reported to be as comfortable as could be expected.

25 YEARS AS CHAPLAIN.
Rev. John A. Neilligan of National Soldiers' Home at Togus, Dead.

Augusta, Me., Aug. 17.—The Rev. John P. Neilligan, for a quarter of a century chaplain of the national soldiers' home at Togus, is dead after a short illness at the age of 57.

WILSON
IGNORES
BOARD

Failing to Bring Them to an Agreement for an Eight-Hour Day, He Appealed Directly to Heads of the Railroads for Conference

THEY ACCEPTED
THE INVITATION

Pending Their Arrival in Washington, President Wilson Will Not Discuss the Matter Further with the Managers, Who Were Obdurate

New York, Aug. 17.—The railroad presidents of the country have accepted President Wilson's invitation to come to Washington to confer with him. Several will leave this city this afternoon, and another delegation will leave from Chicago.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—President Wilson today invited the presidents of the principal railroads of the country to come to Washington immediately to confer with him on the threatened strike. Pending their arrival he does not plan to see the committee of managers here, with whom he has been meeting.

The president sent the following telegram to the leading railroad presidents: "The discussion of matters involved in the threatened railroad strike has reached a point which makes it highly desirable that I should personally confer with you at the earliest possible moment and with the presidents of any other railroads affected who may be immediately accessible. I hope you can make it convenient to come to Washington at once."

The president's action in asking for a conference with the railroad presidents themselves is interpreted as meaning that the managers' committee had refused finally to concede the eight-hour day as President Wilson's plan proposed, and the question now is to be taken up with the heads of the railroads themselves.

The situation today was this: The railroads flatly refused to concede an eight-hour day but are willing to arbitrate that question and all others before any tribunal the president of the men may decide upon; the men are willing to arbitrate some of the questions under certain conditions but are unwilling to arbitrate others.

COMMITTEE GIVEN
POWER TO STRIKE
If They Fail to Get Settlement of Their Grievances Against the New York Railway Co.

New York, Aug. 17.—Authorized by their union to call a strike on all the surface lines of the New York Railway company, the committee of the union employees held a conference with the general manager to demand a settlement of grievances which have developed since the recent street car strike.

Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Rapid Transit, and the New York Railway company, in a letter addressed last night to mayor and Chairman Straus, called attention to the ultimatum delivered to him by the employees' committee, which charged that the New York Railway company had violated the agreement of Aug. 7 which brought the strike on the surface car line to an end.

Mr. Shonts denied that his company had discharged workers because of their affiliation with the carmen's union, and added that "in many cases employees of this company have clearly violated the rules of this company, some of the violations increasing the hazard and endangering the safety of passengers on our cars."

In a circular distributed among the employees, the position of the company was defined in part as follows: "This company has not sanctioned the unionizing of its men. It has said that if an employee desires to join a union he shall not be prevented from doing so by coercion, or intimidation; neither shall he be discharged for joining. It has also said that if an employee does not desire to join a union he shall not be coerced or intimidated into doing so either by unionized employees of this company or members of an organization not employees of this company."

agreement stipulates that no matter relating to questions of discipline or efficiency shall be subject to conference or arbitration."

At the office of the public service commission last night it was said the agreement of Aug. 7 provides for ample machinery for settlement of just such a dispute as has arisen over the discharge of men. The agreement, it was pointed out, arranges for settlement by arbitration of all questions arising.

EXPECTED TO STRIKE.
Union Machinists Employed by Winchester Repeating Arms Co.

New Haven, Conn., Aug. 17.—Union machinists employed by the Winchester Repeating Arms company are expected to go on a strike today to secure an eight-hour day without wage reductions. The company had 2,000 machinists.

STATE BANKERS MET.
Held Summer Convention in Richmond Yesterday.

Richmond, Aug. 17.—The summer convention of the Vermont State Bankers' association was held here yesterday, about 100 bankers and other business men being present, many from town attending. In the morning the manufacturing plants of the village were visited. At 3 o'clock a meeting was held at Island park.

Following the invocation by Rev. E. B. Holmes, the address of welcome was given by L. C. Leavens of the Richmond Savings Bank & Trust company, and the response was made by Levi H. Bixby of the Montpelier National Bank. Addresses were given by William Reed, assistant cashier of the National City Bank of New York and C. W. Barron, editor of the Boston News Bureau.

At a business session, Olin Merrill of the Essexburg Falls Savings Bank & Trust company and vice-president of the American Bankers' association, was elected delegate to the annual meeting of the American association, to be held at Kansas City. A banquet was served at the American House last evening. Willard Scott of Brookline, Mass., was present as entertainer.

PROGRAM ARRANGED
FOR FARMERS' DAY
Every Man Interested in Any Kind of Agriculture Is Given a Cordial Invitation to Attend Joint Picnic and Demonstration in Barre Aug. 19.

The plans for the big agricultural meeting at the Granite City trotting park in Barre Saturday, Aug. 19, are practically completed. The committee have put in some hard work on this proposition and have got it whipped into shape so that it will surely prove a great event for those interested in any kind of agriculture. Following is the program as it will be carried out on that day:

8:30 a. m.—Stock judging contest at the park. Home economics demonstration for the ladies, under the auspices of the Barre Woman's club (conducted by Mrs. Dimock).

11:00 a. m.—Stock judging demonstration by Prof. Storey of the state college of agriculture.

12:00 noon—Basket picnic and social hour.

2:00 p. m.—Speaking by State Commissioner of Agriculture Hon. E. S. Brigham, Hon. J. P. Taylor, secretary of the Greater Vermont association; Hon. H. V. Collingwood, editor of the Rural New Yorker; Hon. John D. Willard, secretary of the Franklin County (Mass.) Farm bureau.

There will be music by the Barre band and a ball game will take place immediately after the speaking.

At 9:30 the stock judging contest will begin. This is a chance for everyone interested in cows to come in and learn something about the points to be noticed in selecting good cows for the dairy. Two breeds will be represented in this contest, the Holstein and the Guernsey, not because they are considered superior breeds, but because they are easier to see. It is hoped another year that the Ayrshire and the Jersey breeds will be represented. There will be four cows selected in each breed for the contest purposes.

A score card such as was published in this paper recently will be furnished to each contestant and he will then look over the cows and place them according to his judgment, giving them first, second, third and fourth in each breed. The score card will be thoroughly explained just before the contest. Contestants will have an opportunity to judge either breed separately or both breeds and prizes will be offered to the winner in each class, boys under 18 years and men. It is hoped that everyone interested will come up and take a hand in this contest. There is no way to learn how to do anything better than to do it yourself and this event is arranged particularly because of its educational value. After the contestants have finished their judging, Prof. Storey will give a lecture demonstrating different points to be considered, and his talk, if one can judge from past experiences with him, will prove of the most interesting variety.

During the time that this demonstration is being carried on there will be also a demonstration for the ladies along the lines of home economics, probably taking up canning of fruits and vegetables. This will be held in Howland hall and will be in charge of Mrs. Dimock of Corinth, formerly connected with the state college of agriculture. Those driving in with teams and autos should take their ladies directly to the park and leave their lunches in places which will be provided, then take the ladies to Howland hall and return to the park for the stock judging. Provision will be made for taking the ladies back to the park after the home economics demonstration is completed. The ladies of the city are particularly invited to attend the demonstration at the hall and also invited to the exercises at the park including the basket picnic at noon.

The program of speaking will begin at 2 p. m. E. S. Brigham will act as master of ceremonies, introducing J. P. Taylor, secretary of the Greater Vermont association; H. V. Collingwood, editor of the Rural New Yorker, who will come here directly from New York City, and John D. Willard, secretary of the Franklin County (Mass.) Farm bureau.

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\$50,000 GIFT
FOR CAMPAIGN

John Coffin and Wife Make Additional Contribution for Prohibition

MILLION WANTED
FOR THE PURPOSE

Contributors Had Already Given \$1,000 for the Work

Indianapolis, Aug. 17.—An additional gift of \$50,000 to the national prohibition party's campaign fund by Mr. and Mrs. John Coffin of Florida was announced today. Previously they had given \$1,000. The money is to be made the nucleus for a campaign fund of \$1,000,000. The gifts are in the form of property and Florida real estate. A prohibition foundation is to be formed by the party leaders to handle the property thus acquired.

AUTO STRUCK GIRL.
Jane Lamear, 4, of St. Johnsbury, Was Not Badly Hurt.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 17.—In an endeavor to dodge an auto while crossing the road in front of her home on upper Railroad street about 7:15 last evening, Jane Lamear, four years of age, stepped in front of a car driven by Walter Darling, an employee of the Swift Co., and was knocked down and badly bruised.

Mr. Darling stopped his car and carried the little girl into the house. Dr. Prevost was called and found that there were no bones broken, but that the child's shoulder and back were badly bruised where the car fender struck.

The accident occurred just in front of the child's home, which is in the Gungus block, on upper Railroad street. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Lamear. The little girl evidently started to cross the street and was part way over, when a number of machines going down Railroad street confused her, and in trying to avoid them she stepped directly in front of the car of Mr. Darling. He turned his wheel quickly so the child escaped the wheels of the machine. The only injuries that developed at the examination were bruises and shock.

SHOT THREE AND SELF.
North Adams, Mass., Man Dead; Victims Will Recover.

North Adams, Mass., Aug. 17.—Insane, probably suffering from religious mania, Giuseppe Cianfroni, aged 21, poured a volley of shots out of his window, rear of 78 West Main street, last evening at 7 o'clock, wounding three persons, and then shot himself through the head. He used a revolver and fired 13 times.

The persons wounded are Mrs. Neal Johnson, aged 49, shot in the left leg; Frank Scavo, 54, shot in the right hand, and Giuseppe Astorino, 30, shot in the right shoulder. None of the wounded persons is supposed to be in a critical condition. All are in the North Adams hospital.

Cianfroni died three hours after he shot himself. The bullet entered the right side of his head, just above the ear, passing through the frontal part of the brain and protruded from the left side of the head.

Cianfroni came to this country March 23 and lived at the house in which he killed himself, with his uncle, Tommaso Mazza. He had worked in the Arnold Print works till last Friday, when he left his job because he was tormented, he said, by boys who worked with him. He declined to return to work.

ONE FOOT CRUSHED.
Abe Desautels Injured by Train Near Alburt.

Burlington, Aug. 17.—Abe Desautels, who was injured at Alburt last night, was brought to this city on train No. 42, due to leave this city over the Rutland road at 9:40. He received serious injuries in the railroad yard at Alburt about 8:30 o'clock, his left foot being badly crushed and almost severed. He was accompanied to this city by Dr. S. H. Martin, and was immediately removed to the Mary Fletcher hospital in the police automobile.

Desautels was traveling from Malone, N. Y., to Plattsburg and just how he was injured could not be learned last night. He was found on a siding in the Alburt yard by Supervisor F. R. Bourquin of Rutland, who was passing through the yard. What train hit him is not known. Dr. Martin was called and gave what relief possible, the man being brought to this city on the next train. He was taken to the hospital and his left foot removed. While he had suffered severely from shock and loss of blood and while his condition is considered serious, it is thought he will recover. The amputation was just above the ankle.

HARRIS MAY WIN
Brattleboro Man Goes Into Tennis Semi-Finals for State Title.

Brattleboro, Aug. 17.—The second day of the Vermont state tennis championship tournament brought the play down to the semi-finals and finals in both singles and doubles, with the prospect that Fred H. Harris, present state champion, will face A. H. Chapin of Springfield, Mass., champion of that city, in the finals. The feature match yesterday was between Harris and Arthur Vezey, champion of Montreal. It was a slam-bang back court game most of the time and Vezey forced the first set to 10-8 before losing. Twice in this set he was within one point of victory.

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Portland, Ore., Aug. 17.—Charles E. Hughes left today for San Francisco. His voice has become quite hoarse.

WISHART-BIXBY
Former Barre Young Man and Chelsea Girl Are Married.

At the home of the bride's parents in Chelsea, Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Miss Myrtle Elvira Bixby, daughter of Postmaster H. O. Bixby and Mrs. Bixby, and Harry Rodney Wishart, son of Mrs. Barbara Wishart of Camp street, this city, were married by Rev. J. A. Lawrence, pastor of the Congregational church. The couple were unattended and only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony. The double ring service was used and the wedding had for its setting, a room charmingly arranged in sweet peas, pink roses, lilies and maiden-hair ferns. Miss Olay Hoad played the wedding march from Wagner's opera, Lohengrin. The bride wore georgette crepe over white taffeta and carried a shower bouquet of roses and sweet peas. Her traveling suit was of dark blue taffeta, trimmed with maribou lace.

After the ceremony refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served by a number of the bride's girl friends. Mr. and Mrs. Wishart left on a bridal tour through Maine and Massachusetts and will be at home in Chelsea after Sept. 1.

The bride is one of Chelsea's best known young women, a graduate of Chelsea high school and the Bryant & Stratton Business college in Boston. Until recently she was employed in the law office of Stanley C. Wilson, former state's attorney. Mr. Wishart is held in very high esteem by many acquaintances in Barre. He was graduated from Goddard seminary in 1909 and at present holds the responsible position of assistant cashier of the National Bank of Orange County, in Chelsea.

Among the out of town guests at the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Willis N. Bixby of Boston, cousins of the bride.

COLBY-TOWNSEND
Marriage Took Place at Bride's Home in Plainfield.

Plainfield, Aug. 17.—Miss Lila Townsend, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Townsend, and Burnham A. Colby, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Colby, were united in marriage yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the bride's home, Rev. A. W. Hewitt officiating, using the single ring service.

They were attended by the bride's sister, Miss Vena Townsend, and Edmond Pike. The bride was gowned in white georgette crepe over silk and she carried bride's roses, while the bridesmaid was dressed in blue. Miss Ethel Colby, sister of the groom, played Mendelssohn's wedding march. About 50 were present.

The decorations in the parlor were of sweet peas and asparagus, and in the dining room of golden glow. Miss Ethel Colby and Miss Vena Townsend had charge of the decorations. After the ceremony, ice cream and cake were served by Mrs. William Parquharson of South Ryegate. The ushers were six of the bride's cousins, Misses Amy and Ruth Bailey, Misses Alva and Gera Townsend, Miss Mary Hooker and Miss Hazel Benjamin, also two schoolmates, Miss Margaret Converse and Miss Ruth McKay.

Both bride and groom are graduates of Montpelier seminary, the former in 1915 and the latter in 1909. Mr. Colby also graduated from Syracuse university last June. Both are members of the grange and Methodist church in this place. They left by auto for Wells Beach, Me., on a wedding trip and the last of the month will go to New York, where the groom has a position as assistant principal in the high school at Newark. Both are very popular young people.

The gifts, which were numerous, included much cut glass and silver.

LOST MUCH BLOOD.
Louis Gatoni, Granite Cutter, Hit By Flying Steel.

Louis Gatoni, a granitecutter living at 92 Railroad street, received a serious injury at the C. W. McMillan & Son's plant on Blackwell street this afternoon when a flying fragment of steel from a pneumatic tool struck him in the left arm. The steel penetrated to an artery, the wound bleeding profusely before a physician could be summoned. The accident occurred soon after 1 o'clock and when Dr. J. W. Stewart arrived at the plant, the flow of blood was temporarily stopped and on the advice of the physician the man was removed to the city hospital.

Mr. McMillan is in Cleveland, O., this week and Arthur D. Young of Young Bros. carried the man to the hospital in his automobile. The cut on Gatoni's arm occurred just below the elbow and several stitches were taken after the patient had reached the hospital.

BLACKJACKED AND ROBBED.
Samuel King Told About Being Relieved of \$65 Near Burlington.

Burlington, Aug. 17.—An exceptionally bold robbery, which took place on Shelburne road Monday night, came before the attention of the authorities yesterday when Samuel King of Shelburne reported that he had been knocked in the head and \$65 in bills taken from him. The robber is unknown.

Mr. King, whose home is in Shelburne, came to this city during the day Monday with a load of hay, which he sold while here. While on his return trip a young fellow stopped him on Shelburne road near the ledge road, asking him for a ride. The youth's request was granted and he climbed on to the hay rack. When near the Henry Drew farm, further along the road, the stranger asked Mr. King if he could change \$5. Mr. King pulled out his roll, in which there were \$65, and started to find the change.

Before he knew what was happening the young man struck him heavily across the eyes and as he staggered back the money was wrenched from his hands. The horses bolted and Mr. King was thrown from the wagon. He was taken to the hotel at Shelburne, where his bruises were cleaned up. The horses were found later in the night. The robbery was committed by a young man of medium height rather well dressed in a dark suit.

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CABOT DRAWS
PEOPLE BACK

Old Home Week Celebration Is Attracting Many Former Residents

FESTIVITIES ARE
NOW AT HEIGHT

Interesting Programs Are Being Furnished Each Day

Cabot, Aug. 17.—Old Home week in Cabot is witnessing the reunion of many families and a renewal of acquaintances that needed just the stimulus of a well organized get-together to restore the camaraderie among the native sons and daughters that existed in years gone by.

Perhaps it may be safely said that the exercises yesterday came in an hour when the old home week spirit was in full tide. Certainly, none of the celebrations to date has been marked by so large an attendance nor has there prevailed at any time in the week a more genuine feeling that the transplanted scions of the town are in reality closely knit together by a common bond and a common birthright.

From many states in the union, from many towns in the state, natives and former residents of this town are assembled for the week. The townspeople have outdone themselves in the matter of providing entertainment for the guests of to-day, the "home folks" of yesterday and whether or not the experiment of this year's Old Home week becomes a custom for succeeding generations to observe, those from outside who have joined in the exercises cannot but feel that hospitality in unstinted measure has been theirs. Beginning Sunday with the union services in the Methodist church, where the pastor, Rev. Stanley Crossland, preached an unusually appropriate sermon, the events of the week have been most successfully carried out. Monday was given over to visiting among old-time neighbors and other friends and Tuesday was the day set apart for the basket picnic at the center of the town, near the old pond. It was a gala occasion, what with speechmaking by many of the "old guard," music by the Marshfield Cornet band and various forms of diversion for old and young alike.

Atty. W. D. Gould of Los Angeles, Cal., one of Cabot's sons who has established himself in his profession, was the principal speaker in his reminiscences of old days in the history of the town were given vigorously and with fine regard for accuracy. Mr. Gould left Cabot 54 years ago and has been able to visit his native town but seldom. Naturally, he is one of the enthusiastic proponents of a permanent Old Home week for Cabot. On Tuesday evening there was a promenade in the town hall.

Yesterday, the official "Old Home day," had its formal beginning for local people at 11 o'clock with a gathering of families and guests here in the village. Dinner was served in Society hall by the Women's Relief corps and at 2 o'clock there were special features in school-house hall with the youngsters of the town carrying most of the prominent parts, most of the participants being members of Winona temple of the Good Templars. Fifty children performed gracefully and in a manner wholly creditable to the occasion in a charming little cantata, entitled, "The Brownie Band." The extravaganza, for such it really was, was given under the direction of Mrs. R. L. Bruce and Miss Grace Morse.

Some surprisingly striking effects in costume were obtained and a likely setting furnished an admirable background for the performance. The hall was crowded and every part of the program was liberally applauded. Afterward Miss Helen Sylvester of Boston, whose contribution to the al fresco features of Old Home week Tuesday was so graciously received, repeated her first success in Cabot by giving variations of the Spanish dance. Miss Sylvester addressed herself to the terpicheorean art with rare aptness and had to respond with an encore.

Inasmuch as Cabot people are recalling with a good bit of pride, pardonable pride, the fact that this is the 135th year of its existence, an impromptu program of speechmaking after the program partook of the nature of a historical review. There were those present, beyond a doubt, who found they had much to learn about the history of their own town and the achievements of its sons and daughters when some of the speakers were well warmed to their subject matter.

Edward F. Smith presided and responses made included those of Luke Fisher, George Harvey, W. D. Gould and Lathrop Collins. Mrs. Wells read a number of original verses by John Austin. None of the speakers neglected to place deserved stress on Cabot's prominence as an agricultural town and plenty of attention was paid to those men of Massachusetts and Connecticut who came to Vermont pioneering nearly a century and a half ago and showed their faculty for picking garden spots by settling in Cabot.

The Cabot orchestra furnished music and in the evening there was an interesting illustrated lecture, "From the Manger to the Throne," in the Methodist church. To-night there will be a banquet in town hall, served by the Judith Lyford Women's club. Many old-timers are to be seated at the speaker's table. William Walker will act as toastmaster. To-morrow is reserved as field day, when a program of sports will hold the center.

Yesterday, the official "Old Home day," had its formal beginning for local people at 11 o'clock with a gathering of families and guests here in the village. Dinner was served in Society hall by the Women's Relief corps and at 2 o'clock there were special features in school-house hall with the youngsters of the town carrying most of the prominent parts, most of the participants being members of Winona temple of the Good Templars. Fifty children performed